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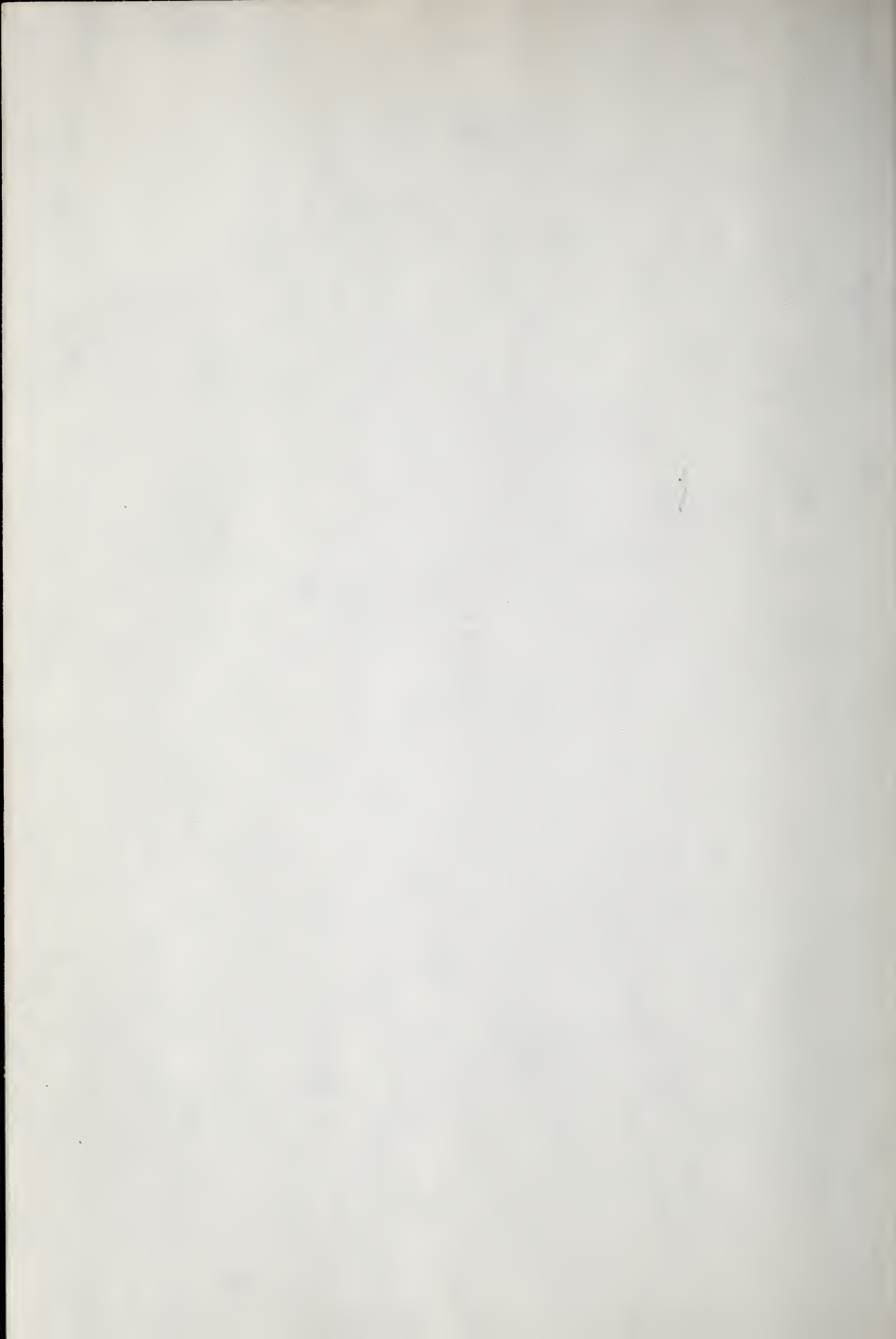


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Christian Bomberger

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Lititz Springs Park, Largest Limestone Springs in Pennsylvania, Where
First Annual Reunion of Bomberger Family Was Held

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The Monument

A large bronze tablet has been placed in position along the lane on the Henry Bomberger farm, a mile northwest of Lititz, commemorating the first settler in this country of that name, Christian Bomberger. The tablet was set on a granite base, four by five feet and weighing four tons, brought there from Mt. Hope.

The original grant of land from William Penn comprised about 544 acres, the deed on sheepskin being in possession of the descendants. The Henry Bomberger farm is now under the management of the sixth generation of sons. The first living quarters were nearby, a log dugout. It is said the Bomberger settlers were often compelled to throw burning splinters up the chimney to frighten away the wolves on the roof level with the hillside, who were attracted by the smell of humans and scratched dirt down the chimney onto the fireplace.

The tablet was made in New York. Following is the inscription.

In memory of

Christian Bomberger

A God-fearing and industrious man, who with his wife, Maria, two sons, John and Christian, and six daughters, left the tenantry of Baron Von Der Fels, in Eschelbronn, Baden, May 12th, 1722, was granted a certificate of honorable dismissal by the Chief Magistrate of Waibstadt, and settled in this tract, among the Indians. He died in 1742. His body rests in the family God's acre on yonder hill.

Erected

By His Descendants

1923

Remove not the ancient landmark
which thy fathers have set.

—Proverbs, 22:28

*Compiled from an address delivered
by the writer at the first
annual reunion of the Bomberger
Family, Lititz Springs grounds,
August 29, 1922*

GUSTAV FREYTAG in his "Bilder aus der Deutschen Vergangenheit" says "Die Enkel gut thun an die Muhen Ihrer Vorfahren zu denken."

It is well worth while for the descendants to study the lives of their forefathers. It is splendid to be able to boast about one's ancestors. But could those ancestors truthfully boast about us if they were able to appear again in the flesh?

Each generation must go forward. If we do less nobler, less praiseworthy things in our day than our ancestors did in their day, we have fallen down in the work which our Creator intended us to do. The Chinese lay great stress on ancestry. They paid so much attention to what their forefathers did and to the care of their forefathers' bones that there was no time or effort left for their own advancement until in recent years. The result has been that China, although one of the oldest nations in recorded history, still has been one of the most backward.

Lest I be misunderstood I thoroughly approve of family reunions with their avowed purpose of turning over the musty pages of history, especially insofar as they concern the ancestry of the Bomberger family. We can find on those pages a message of inspiration which we can adapt to our modern day activities. That's where the value lies for us.

When first I learned that I was expected to act as historian for the first annual Bomberger reunion pictures of genealogical tables such as are scattered here and there in the Old Testament arose in my mind. Those "begat" chapters were most distasteful in my youthful Sunday school days. And Abraham begat Isaac, and Isaac begat Jacob and Jacob begat Joseph and his brethren and Joseph begat and so on, is what I mean. Drawing up the family trees for each branch and twig I shall leave to some future Bomberger historian.

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LECTURE 1

My efforts will be confined to the who, when, where, how and why of the Bomberger immigration from Europe to America in 1722. Other Bomberger families came across the Atlantic ocean in the years that followed. Most of these other Bomberger families came from Switzerland. We are concerned here only in the Christian Bomberger, who moved his family from Eschelbronn, Baden, Germany, to what is now Warwick township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, on a tract of land about two miles from the Lititz Springs Grounds, along about 1722.

This Christian Bomberger was a man of good repute as is evidenced by the letter of recommendation given him by the authorities when he decided to immigrate.

The letter written in German on parchment and still in a good state of preservation is today owned by Henry H. Bomberger, of Lititz. It has been translated and reads as follows:

"BY THE AUTHORITY OF

The Honorable and Well-born Lord, Lord Philip Anthony, Baron von der Fels, Dean of the honorable chapter of knights at Bruchsal and Capitulary at Wimpfen, Lord of the lordships at Contre, Heffingen and Chief Magistrate at Waibstatt: I, John George Lamperet, hereby and in virture hereof, announce and declare that the bearer, Christian Bamberger, who has for upwards of twelve years been a farmer and tenant of the Baron von der Fels, has now with his wife and eight children determined to remove hence to seek his fortune and subsistence in other lands; and having for the promotion of the reputation of himself and family, and for the identification of his good name, regularly applied at this office for an honorable dismissal, it has therefore, been deemed proper to grant this reasonable petition.

"For as much, then, as the aforesaid Bamberger personally, as also his wife and children, have in all things conducted themselves well, virtuously and honorably in respect to the officials of our beneficent government, as well as trustworthy, industrious and courteous towards residents and neighbors, and so continue that we should gladly retain him and his as our citi-

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zens, the same person and his family at their own pleasure and with the knowledge and consent of the gracious authorities, are hereby dismissed and bidden farewell. Consequently, all and each, exalted and inferior officials civil and military rulers, government, servants and minor officers, as well as other Christian-loving people, are requested in a polite, friendly and neighborly manner to grant them kind, sympathetic, serviceable, genial and favorable assistance and co-operation; more especially as the aforesaid persons now depart from a place which is healthy and free from disease, and have been declared free and absolved from even the smallest obligations. The favor herewith conceded will be reciprocated to the best of our ability on this and on all other occasions. Officially granted under the great seal of my office and attested by my signature. Eschelbronn, May 12, 1722. John George Lamperet.

(Seal)."

The next accurate date of his activities is eleven years later when this Christian Bomberger received a patent or deed for a large tract of land in Warwick township in 1733 from the sons of William Penn. These deeds today also are in possession of the Bomberger family as is a considerable portion of the land. The original farm or plantation consisted of upward of 600 acres.

Pennsylvania German family names like all other German names may be divided into three distinct classes: first those derived from personal names; second those derived from occupation; and third those derived from the place where the individual lived or whence he came. Our family name no doubt belongs to the latter class.

"Baum" means tree in German, "berg" means mountain, and "er" one who or the name as you see means one who came from the tree on the mountain. The pronunciation of the German "a" is broad so it became "o" with the passing years in the name. However, you students of geography know that there is a city in Germany called Bamberg. It is just barely possible that one of our ancestors may have come from this town and thus obtained his name. However, that will have to be

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left to conjecture as will the dropping of the "u" from the first syllable.

At this point I came to what I supposed was the end of my research so far as the early history was immediately concerned. However, that their immigration was so interwoven with the activities of thousands of their neighbors, many of whom were of the same Mennonite faith as they and who had made the Palatinate along the lower Rhine in Germany, a garden spot, only to have it ruined and devastated during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, soon became evident.

During the Thirty Years war following the Reformation in the early part of the seventeenth century the Palatinate which included a half a dozen states along the upper Rhine was invaded twenty-eight times. The peace treaty at Westphalia in 1649, ended this terrible war.

For the Palatinate the respite was of short duration. Yet so rich was the soil in this country and so industrious were the peasants that within a score of years the land appeared as if no war had ever been there. But war again broke out between France and Holland. Other states were drawn into the maelstrom and Louis the XIV, of France, ardent Catholic that he was, unable to cope single handed with England, Holland and Germany, determined that if the soil of the Palatinate was not to furnish supplies to the French it should be so wasted it would at least furnish no supplies to the Germans. The devastation that followed surpassed even the scenes of the Thirty Years war. MacCaulay, in his history of England draws a vivid picture of the suffering of those days among the people of the Palatinate and the destruction wrought by the invaders. Orchards were cut down, fields of grain plowed under, houses and barns were burned. The people of these provinces were driven into hiding on the mountains or perhaps in some other land. But ¹⁶⁹⁷~~1797~~, when our common ancestor was a mere boy, saw this war also ended with the treaty of Ryswick.

John William at this time ruled over the Palatinate. He was a Jesuit and while he made a pretense of showing tolerance the Catholics were by far the most favor-

ed. The Protestants were required to bend the knee at the passing of the Host and to furnish flowers for the church festivals of their rivals. While the work of proselyting was carried on publicly by the Jesuits, the Swiss-Mennonites, Walloons and Huguenots, who for many years found refuge in the Palatinate were now driven from the land. Many went to Prussia, Holland and America.

The reasons for our ancestor's decision to leave the soil of Germany are evident, if we reconstruct in our minds the events of those days. He was a Mennonite. War was repugnant. He was a non-resistant and all around him was war and persecution. Many of his neighbors had gone to Holland where the Mennonites had found a haven and had prospered. The story of the Holy Experiment of William Penn in far off America had been translated into Dutch and German. In 1710 a band of Swiss-Mennonites had gone to America. One of this party, a man named Martin Kindig, returned on a visit to the old country. He brought a glowing report of the advantages to be had by immigration. Furthermore the Mennonites of Holland formed a commission on foreign needs and assisted some of their less fortunate brethren from the Palatinate and Switzerland in immigrating to this new land.

In 1722, the same year that Christian Bomberger received his letter of recommendation, it is recorded that the pensionary in Holland went to the assembly and told them that a great number of Germans had arrived enroute to America by way of England. They were told that the English were objecting to so many Germans coming at one time. However, some means were found to see that they were sent on their way to the colonies.

Traveling was no sinecure in those days. It took a month or more to come down the River Rhine to Rotterdam. Sometimes several months were required to cross the Atlantic ocean. Comforts were few on board the ships. The Redemptioner system by which the Palatine sold his services for his passage way, virtually a form of slavery, did not come until later. It is entirely probable that this Bomberger family had sufficient money to pay their own passage way and

brought with them considerable goods. At any rate it is practically certain that they stopped off with the Herrs and Kindigs at Pequea and later made their way to the place for which they secured a deed in 1733 from the William Penn heirs.

We may gather from the letter of recommendation that Christian Bomberger was a farmer of some repute, he knew good soil, he knew how to till that soil and so did his family. He knew that a limestone country was a fertile country. He chose a site for his homestead when traveling through the wilderness at a place where he could build a home on the side of a hill with water convenient, a place where gravel-land joined the limestone land-such in the old country had always marked a place of great fertility.

I feel sure that there are people who peruse these pages who perhaps know more about the traditions of those early days than I do, but that's all they are, merely traditions. We have no record, no authentic record, until quite a number of years later. We do know, however, that the oldest son was named Johann and the second son Christian. The oldest son had five sons, named, John, Michael, Christian, Joseph and Jacob. The youngest son, Christian, married a Miss Longenecker.. He was a preacher of the gospel in the Mennonite church. He had five sons named, Johannes, Christian, Joseph, Jacob and Abraham. From this point on begins the working out of the various family trees which eventually will lead to the individual members of the generations living today.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

It is entirely fitting that there should be added herewith the will of this first Christian Bomberger, written June 30, 1741, and shortly after his death recorded at the court house in Lancaster on March 25, 1742.

The George Klein mentioned as one of the executors is the same Klein that gave the land for the original Moravian settlement of Lititz.

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The will as copied from the records at Lancaster follows:

I, Christian Bamberger, of Warwick in the County of Lancaster and Province of Pennsylvania, Yeoman, being very sick and weak of body, but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be given unto God, therefore calling into mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it's appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it, and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors, nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection, I shall receive the same again by the mighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly Estate wherewith it hath pleased God to Bless me in this Life, I give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and form.

IMPRIMIS. It is my will and I do order that in the first place all my just debts and funeral charges be paid and satisfied.

ITEM. I give and bequeath unto Mary, my Beloved wife, the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds of good and lawful money, to be raised and paid out of my Estate.

ITEM. It is my will that the remainder of my estate be equally divided between my children, namely Anna, Margaret, Barbara, John, Elizabeth, and Christian so that there be due regard kept of what each of them, have received from me in my life. I give and bequeath to my son, John, all that tract of land where he now lives upon, containing 200 Acres, to him his heirs and assigns forever according to the value agreed with him in my Lifetime.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Martin Bougher, who is married to my daughter, Elizabeth, to him and his heirs, or assigns forever according to the agreement made with him in my lifetime, all that tract of land where he now lives upon, containing about 160 acres.

ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son, Christian,

the plantation and tract of land where I now live upon, containing about 200 Acres, to him, his heirs, assigns so that be appraised and he get no more than an equal share I likewise constitute, make and ordain my son in law, John Caffman, and my trusty friends, Michael Shond and Geo. Klein, my only and sole executors of this my last will and Testament.

Signed this 30th day of June, 1741.

Christian Bamberger.

Witness.

Christian Stafer.

Jacob Weill.

Emanuel Carpenter.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS

A true inventory of all the goods and effects of Christian Bomberger of Lancaster County, late deceased, are as follows:

	L.	S.	D.
To working tools	2	11	
To cash	28	3	
To Bills and Bonds	32	2	7
Per Book Debts	62	13	4
To 3 horses and gears	25		
To 2 mares	16	10	
To young mare and horse colt	20		
To black mare & colt & young horse	11		
To a wagon and plow	5	10	
To 4 steers & 7 other young head cattle	17		
To four cows	11		
To the plantation wagon	1	10	
To 5 sheep	2	2	
To old wagon wheels	1		
To jointer flats	1		
To jointer flats		12	
To lot kettles and big kettle	2	18	
To tools	1	1	
To augur & other tools		15	
To 2 heckels	1		
To chest & 15 Yds. linen & 10 yds. woolen	3	10	

To bed and linen	6		
To jean & 11 bags	2		
To 2 beds & chest & linen	6	10	
To sundries		15	
To 80 Bu. wheat at 3 S per bu.	12		
To 25 bu. barley	2	10	
To old grain &c.		18	
To two hand saws		6	
To a steel and other tools	3		
To dung fork & hook		15	
To a broad ax and grubbing & finishing ax	1		
To maul ring & weages		9	
To a bede	1	5	
To a grain cradle		15	
To a sundry	1		
To a wind mill	1		
To a cutting box		8	
To 2 chairs		15	
To a sheep shears		1	6
To 30 yds. of linen	2		
To several lead lines	8		

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Appraised by

Jacob H. Weill
Emanuel Carpenter.

April 5. 1742

(INVITATION)

The First Bomberger Reunion

A CORDIAL INVITATION

*is hereby extended to you and related friends
to be present at the*

FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

OF THE BOMBERGER FAMILY

to be held in Lititz Springs Park, Lititz, Lancaster County, Pa.

on Tuesday, August 29, 1922

(All Day)

Kindly pass this invitation to other members of the family.

This reunion promises to be of unusual interest as it marks the two-hundredth anniversary of the first Bomberger settlement. With this in view the committee is arranging an interesting program, while it also desires particularly to emphasize the social feature of the reunion.

Lititz is on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway, thirty miles from Reading and seventeen miles from Columbia. Persons coming by Pennsylvania Railroad to Lancaster can reach Lititz—eight miles to the north by hour trolley service. The Springs are at the terminus of the trolley and adjoin the Reading station.

Tables are provided for those bringing their lunch with them while restaurants and hotels near the grounds will cater to those not bringing lunch.

Come and enjoy a feast of good fellowship.

The following comprise the committee who furnish information:

TOBIAS BOMBERGER, Annville, Pa.
JACOB BOMBERGER, Lititz, Pa.
HAYDEN BOMBERGER, Lititz, Pa.
HIRAM BOMBERGER, Lebanon, Pa.
GEORGE BOMBERGER, Lebanon, Pa.
H. REIST LANDIS, Lititz, Pa.
REUBEN K. LIGHT, Lebanon, Pa.

Among Those Who Registered

LITITZ, PA.

Paul H. Bomberger
 Mrs. Paul H. Bomberger
 Amos H. Bomberger
 Hayden H. Bomberger
 Mrs. Hayden H. Bomberger
 Anna May Bomberger
 Christian R. Bomberger
 Benjamin H. Erb
 H. Reist Landis
 Lizzie H. Erb
 Fannie B. Erb
 John Bomberger Bollinger
 Mrs. Matilda Bollinger
 Barbara B. Bucher
 Abram Z. Bomberger
 Mrs. Abram Z. Bomberger
 Henry Richard Bomberger
 Mildred M. Bomberger
 Mrs. Martin H. Shenk
 Mrs. Elizabeth H. Bomberger
 Mrs. J. W. Bruckhart
 Ella Sturgis
 Mrs. Eliza Sturgis
 Ella Landis
 David Bomberger
 Mrs. David Bomberger
 Norman Bomberger
 Mrs. Norman Bomberger
 Henry Adair
 Mrs. Henry Adair
 Lloyd Bomberger
 A. H. Huber
 Mrs. A. H. Huber
 Lizzie Bollinger
 Fannie B. Bucher
 Minnie E. Petticoffer
 Esther Stauffer
 Cyrus Bomberger
 Lydia Bomberger
 Homer Bomberger
 Lizzie Bomberger
 Phares Bomberger
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 Esther Keller
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 Howard Erb
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 Mrs. Harry K. Hess
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 Roy Zartman
 John Zartman
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 Mrs. Isaac B. Graybill
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 Mrs. Hiram B. Bomberger
 Reuben Brubaker
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 Mrs. Emlyn Landis
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 Bessie S. Bollinger

Orpha Viola Bollinger
 Jacob Junior Bollinger
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 Elizabeth M. Bomberger
 Allen Bomberger Wenger
 Mrs. Allen Bomberger Wenger
 Retissa Bomberger Laundermilch
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 Miss Armenta Smith
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 Mrs. Aaron K. Bomberger
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 Estella D. Bomberger
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 Martin Bomberger
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 Mabel Jane Kreider
 Dr. F. E. Bomberger
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 Leighton F. Krum
 Rosa H. Krum
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Reunion Notes

Tuesday, August 29th, 1922, dawned fair and warm. The beautiful Lititz Springs park by the noon hour was crowded with upward of 600 members of the Bomberger descendants and their families. The formal program, after the handshaking, picnic luncheon, registration and other preliminaries, opened at one o'clock with the singing of "How Firm a Foundation" under the leadership of Cyrus M. Bomberger, of Eln, as chorister. "America" and "God be with you till we meet again" were other songs lustily sung by the assemblage during the afternoon.

Morris Bomberger Spayd, of Reading, conducted the devotional exercises and Guy D. Bomberger, of Lititz, president of the reunion, gave the address of welcome. An interesting address by Jacob Bomberger Landis, of Fleetwood, followed. The historical address was delivered by C. M. Bomberger, of Jeannette.

Matters pertaining to the 1923 reunion and the erection of a monument to the first Christian Bomberger were discussed.

Officers for the 1922 reunion were as follows:

President, Guy D. Bomberger, Lititz.

Vice President, Amos H. Bomberger, Lititz; William A. Bomberger, Lebanon; Tobias Bomberger, Annville; Samuel H. Bomberger, Lebanon; J. Spayd Bomberger, Palmyra.

Secretary, Paul H. Bomberger, Lititz.

Treasurer, Henry H. Bomberger, Lititz.

Historian, C. Martin Bomberger, Jeannette.

Committee on Arrangements—Tobias Bomberger, Annville; Jacob Bomberger, Lititz; Hayden Bomberger, Lititz; Hiram Bomberger, Lebanon; George Bomberger, Lebanon; H. Relst Landis, Lititz; Reuben K. Light, Lebanon.

Reception Committee—John S. Bomberger, Lebanon; Daniel K. Bomberger, Lebanon; J. Milton Bomberger, Lebanon; Barbara Bomberger, Lititz; Hiram Bomberger, Lititz; Amelia Bomberger, Lebanon; Hattie Bomberger, Anderson, Ind.; George Bomberger, Anderson, Ind.; Emma K. Bomberger, Annville; Alice L. Bomberger, Schafferstown; Elam Bomberger, Mt. Joy; Amos H. Bomberger, Lititz.

It was the largest family reunion of the season on the Lititz Springs grounds. Mrs. Marie, widow of William Bomberger, of Maryland, and David Huber, of Fruitville, both 84 years of age, were the oldest persons present. Mrs. Bomberger was given a Bible and Mr. Huber a cane. The latter was married to a daughter of the late Rev. Christian Bomberger.



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